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Tantam	3,913,776	October 21, 1975
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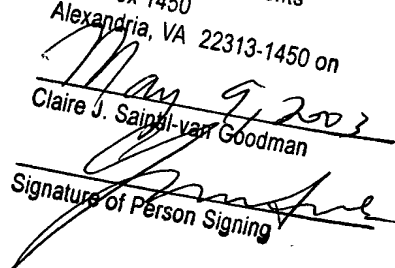
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